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SNAP SHOTS AT HOME NEWS.

Next Wednesday will be St. Valentine's day.

David Overmyer is attending court at Alma.

The Topeka Y. W. C. A. is entirely out of debt.

Six hundred people have registered since January 1st.

H. B. Kelly is acting treasurer of the state board of charities.

The city paid the free dispensary \$40 for medicine last month.

Fifteen tramps were lodged at the city prison one night this week.

Sheriff Burge was confined to his residence all day yesterday by illness.

Judge Ritter will convene the United States circuit court tomorrow morning.

Some one stole about \$15 worth of valentines from a Kansas avenue boy store.

The Bethany college girls did not take their customary half-mile walk this morning.

The Catholic population of Topeka is about fifteen hundred, including adults and children.

Mrs. Daisy Sampson has entered the State University to take a special course in literature and music.

J. E. Gills say there will be an elevator in the state house before the national alliance meets here again.

S. P. Craggack is the name of a Crawford county man who has been appointed a justice of the peace.

Councilman Troutman is under quarantine for the measles. There has also been diphteria in the family.

The county commissioners will make the final arrangements for their Colorado trip at their meeting tomorrow.

The thunder storm last night reminded some old fashioned people that it was a sign that winter is breaking up.

Two new insurance companies have applied to Superintendent Snider for admission to Kansas to do business.

The executive committee of the North and South railroad held a meeting today in the offices of the company on Sixth street.

Miss Dora Cady has gone to Minnesota where she will perform the duties of state secretary of the Y. W. C. A. for two months.

Mayor Harrison has appointed J. R. Miller city tax collector in compliance with a resolution recently adopted by the city council.

Parham Baker, who is the contractor for the waterworks at the Winfield Industrial school, has drawn \$1,223 from the state on his contract.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cooney, who has sued her husband for divorce on the grounds of cruelty, has withdrawn her petition and they have made up.

The sewer at Eighth and Van Buren street lately became stopped up by two sticks which had dropped in. Back of these a great quantity of mud and leaves accumulated.

The committee to make arrangements for the celebration of Washington's birthday by the Sons of the Revolution will meet in the office of the State Historical society tomorrow.

Garrison Lovewell's friends at the state house say he was advised by his attorney that Mrs. Lease was sure to win her fight, but that the governor was determined to push it through.

A jury in the circuit court has found a verdict awarding Mrs. Anna Scott \$6,200 damages against the city. Mrs. Scott broke her left leg on an old sidewalk on Van Buren street, between Eleventh and Twelfth.

The Santa Fe announces that the two-cent a mile rate will not apply west of Denver or Colorado's common points, but gives notice it will give a two-third fare for parties of ten or more, and a greater reduction for parties of twenty-five or more.

The state board of railroad commissioners has ordered the Missouri Pacific to maintain a station agent at Guilford, a small town in Wilson county, for at least six months on trial, or as the Methodists would say, the station has been taken in on probation.

The secret reason of ex-Sheriff Wilkerson for accompanying Sheriff Burge to Lansing when Turner was taken over was made known today. Turner had said, "Praise God, Wilkerson will never be in office to take me to the penitentiary," so the ex-sheriff fooled him.

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IS DENTON GUILTY?

Has the District Court Jury Done a Great Wrong?

AN INNOCENT MAN SENT UP.

The Sheriff and Judge Not Ready to Believe That Denton Was a Burglar.

Don't as to the guilt of G. H. Denton, who was this week taken to the state penitentiary to serve a two-year sentence for burglary, is freely expressed by those connected with the case.

Sheriff Burge says: "It is doubtful if Denton is a guilty man. If he is not, it is a terrible wrong."

Judge Z. T. Ilzen says: "I acknowledge I am not free from doubt as to Denton's guilt. It was the jury that found him guilty, and I was in duty bound to sentence him, although I gave him the minimum under the law."

The crime with which Denton was charged was the burglary of a residence on East Seventh street last summer. His conviction depended wholly on his identification by the woman in the house. In fact this was all there was to the case. The identification was not made completely at the first sight of Denton after his arrest, and the friends of Denton say the police were over zealous in convincing the ladies that Denton was the man.

It is generally admitted that if Denton had put up half as good a defense as R. L. Turner, alias Paul, he would have been acquitted.

Not much is known of Denton's history. He has respectable parents and relatives living somewhere in the east but just where no one seems to know. The young man is considered innocent. He told the news of his character, although innocent, would cause him much grief, and he preferred to have his whereabouts unknown to them. It is known however, that Denton was an advertising solicitor a year ago on the Pacific Northwest and was a pretense by trade and had also served an apprenticeship at the printer's trade.

Sheriff Burge says of Denton, "He is one of the very best prisoners we ever had. He made us no trouble and his demeanor was always that of a gentleman. He did not have much to say when we were going to Lansing until we got within 150 yards of the penitentiary. Then he thanked me for my considerate treatment and gave me his contributions as a keepsake. I would take them only on the condition he could have them again when he got out. Then he said, 'I never expect to come out of here. My health is bad and I think I have consumption. Besides I never want to come out. The fact of my imprisonment here would follow me through life.'

I want to tell you before God and in sight of these walls, without any malice in this state and for motives of self justification, that I go into the penitentiary an innocent man and as naturally very much impressed with that, and I am almost persuaded that may be he was right.

It. R. Turner, the convicted forger, said to a JOURNAL reporter a short time before being taken to Lansing, "I have accompanied the same man with Denton for three months and if you are in any place on Earth—wherever I go—will exchange confidences. It is under such circumstances, I want to tell you that Denton is an innocent man and I have no motive in saying this except my sympathy for Denton. He is an ordinary prisoner."

FIGURES FROM MR. COUBURN

That are Interesting to Everybodys Interests in Kansas.

Interesting facts about Kansas possess slaves and products obtained from the quarterly report now being sent out by the state agricultural department, most of the statements having been compiled from the official returns of townships associations.

The State has of horses, mules and asses, 918,771; cattle, including milch cows, 2,073,226; swine, 1,406,080; sheep, 224,000.

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IT WAS A SURPRISE.

Maids Craigen and Frederick Paulding Among the Best Players Seen Here.

The charming emotional actress Miss Maids Craigen supported by Frederick Paulding, appeared at the Grand last night in a "Duel of Hearts." The company was disappointed with the house, but the house was not in the least disappointed with the performance. It was from their pockets into those of Fred Close at all. The dispatch reads:

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The story about the lump sum of \$1,000,000 is simply a falsehood. Nobody has promised that sum or any other to Fred Close. Poor private secretary to Lowellings, or to Kimpton or any of the rest of these people who are about as sorry a lot of railroad "promoters" as ever traveled over the country.

The people of Galveston and other ports are already talking with the bankers of Topeka regarding what kind of financial standing these wandering mountebanks have, and they are getting the kind of answers that might be expected.

SPIDER AND THE FLY.

"The Spider and the Fly" is the attraction booked for Saturday night at the Grand. It is been here before and is a pleasing spectacular production with many scenic and musical features that are above the average. The costumes of the present company were most of them made in London. The company is a large one, under the direction of M. B. Leavitt.

EIGHT BELLS.

The attraction at the Grand for next Tuesday, "Eight Bells," is one of unusual merit. While it is under the management of Primrose & West of mixed fame, their names are not advertised in connection with it, and the Brothers Byrnes are the leading comedians of the company. These brothers are reported to have put \$10,000 in perfecting the second act is a splendid example of stage mechanism.

CORIN PAYTON.

Crawford's opera house on Kansas avenue is being packed nightly by the Corin Payton company, whose performances no doubt entitle them to the success with which it is being greeted. The company will play tonight with a matinee and evening performance tomorrow. "The Clementine Case" is the piece to-night. Miss Eva Reed appears in the role of "Iza," the "model." Last night "Rose Cottage," a society comedy in five acts, was given to a crowded house. Popular prices prevail.

STAR'S COMEDY COMPANY.

Beginning next Monday at the same house, Star's big comedy company will present a week's repertoire of latest successes, opening with Frederic Brighton's greatest dramatic effort "Foreign," a piece in which pathos and comedy are equally blended. Original mechanical and electric effects will strengthen the presentation under the direction of Malcolm Williams.

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TO TAKE HER TO DENVER.

A Dispatch from Elkhart, Indiana, concerning Miss Davenport.

A dispatch from Elkhart, Ind., in the Chicago Inter-Ocean, quotes Miss Florence Davenport as saying the following: France will be taken to Denver to spend an indefinite period with her brother-in-law, W. B. Howland. The dispatch continues: "Mra. J. R. Boardman and Miss Florence Davenport, who have been in Chicago since Friday, aiding the efforts of their legal advisers and the detectives in the important matter of Miss Frances Davenport and A. H. Sackett, the slatterns who were caught at Topeka, Kans., returned here last night. They arranged to have the erring girl spend an indefinite period with her sister, Mrs. W. H. Howland, of Denver, Colo. They refuse to make any statements regarding the matter further than that they do not expect to be able to do anything with Sackett for the sorrow she has brought into their family. They expect to leave his prosecution to the Chicago parties, who are understood to have claims upon him. Sackett left the women whom he presented here as his wife in South Bend penniless, with only a pet dog to assume her grief."

A Washington, D. C., paper says of Sackett: "For several seasons he has piled his trade on Mount Vernon excursion boats during the summer and in the fallies of the Arlington and Willard's during the winter. He apparently made plenty of money, but spent it with a lavish hand."

He is married and has a family of three children, who reside at No. 1118 Robinson street southwest. His fondness for other women and his habit of neglecting his family led to the forfeiture of his place on the boat. He left the city in April last without saying a word to his family, and since then his wife has been supporting herself and her children by running a small fruit and candy stand on the Macalester."

WOMAN'S MEETINGS.

One to be Held Each Month at Music Hall.

The Topeka Equal Suffrage association has arranged the following programs for the coming meetings during the campaign, and all meetings are to be held at Music Hall:

February 15—Lucy Stone memorial services, sketches of her life; "Home Life," Lucy O. Case; "As a Reformer," Nannie W. Lyon.

March 15—"Municipal Government," Mrs. C. W. Whitmore.

April 19—"Shall We Ask for a Woman Suffrage plank in the Party Platform?" Burn A. Otis.

May 17—"Reasons Why Women Want to Vote," Mrs. E. M. Wardall.

June 21—"Objections to Woman Suffrage Answered," Dr. Wallace.

July—Suffrage Picnic.

August 16—"State Constitution," S. A. Thurston.

An important factor in the question of successful sugar making presents itself to the manufacturers in the relation of the national government to the industry. Should the government classify or remove, and no duty on imported sugar be imposed, it would seem futile to discuss further the subject of sugar making in Kansas. It, however, the present conditions are not disturbed or materially changed, there is reason to believe that those now in charge of the business will work out some plan whereby the industry will become self-sustaining.

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The concert at the First M. E. church, Sixth and Harrison Friday evening, Feb. 9th, will consist of organ, piano, cornet and vocal solos. Vocal and instrumental duets and 8 hand selections. Reading, vocal solo with whistling accompaniment, etc. A delightful programme has been arranged. Admission 25 cents.

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MUNCHAUSEN CLOSE.

He Gives the Omaha People a Lot of Guff.

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